

# Nested Sparse Bayesian Learning

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# Sparse Bayesian Learning

- Problem:  $\mathbf{y} = \Phi\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}$
- Bayesian: Prior pdf on sparse vector  $\mathbf{x}$
- Sparse Bayesian Learning:  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Gamma)$ ,  $\Gamma = \text{diag}(\gamma)$ .  
 $|\gamma|_0 = K$
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E : Compute  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}; \gamma^{(r)})$ ,  $Q(\gamma|\gamma^{(r)}) = g(\gamma, \gamma^{(r)}, \mathbf{y})$

M : Compute  $\gamma^{(r+1)}$  (1)

# Group-Sparsity

$$\begin{bmatrix} \updownarrow \mathbf{y}_1 \updownarrow \\ \dots \\ \updownarrow \mathbf{y}_M \updownarrow \end{bmatrix} = \Phi \begin{bmatrix} \updownarrow \mathbf{x}_1 \updownarrow \\ \dots \\ \updownarrow \mathbf{x}_M \updownarrow \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{N}$$

- $\mathbf{Y} = \Phi\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{N}$
- M-SBL solves for  $\mathbf{X}$
- M-step: Solutions of the  $M$  SBL problems combined

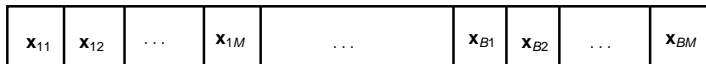
# Group-Sparsity: with and without correlation

- $\mathbf{y}_m = \Phi_m \mathbf{x}_m + \mathbf{n}$ , for  $1 \leq m \leq M$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{y}_M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \Phi_M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_M \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{n}$$

- E-step: Block (TMSBL) or Recursive (KSBL) solution
- M-step: Makes use of the structure in  $\mathbf{x}$

# Block Sparsity



$$\mathbf{x}_1 \in \mathcal{R}^M$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \gamma_1 \mathbf{B})$$

$$\mathbf{x}_B \in \mathcal{R}^M$$

$$\mathbf{x}_B \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \gamma_B \mathbf{B})$$

- $\mathbf{y} = \Phi \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}$
- Algorithm: Cluster-SBL
- Block-sparsity manifested through  $\gamma = [\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_B]$

## Goal of the proposed algorithms

- Breaking the problem into several sub-problems that are similar to the original problem but smaller in size
- Solve the sub-problem recursively
- Combine the subproblem solutions to create a solution to the original problem

# KSBL

- Modeling correlated group sparse vectors: first order AR model
- Instead of the obtaining the MMSE solution, derive the Kalman Filter and Smoother (KFS)
- M step: Obtain  $\gamma$  based on KFS equations



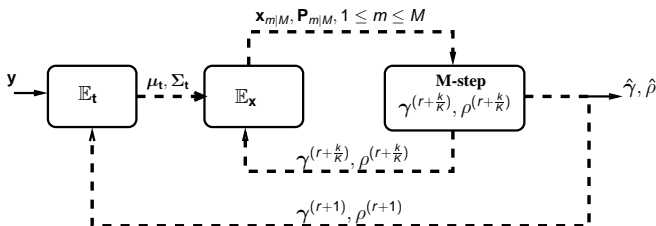
# Algorithm

- Standard EM approach: Say  $y_{obs} = \mathcal{M}(y_{aug})$ ,  $\mathcal{M}(\cdot)$  is a many-to-one mapping. Standard EM:  
$$Q(\theta|\theta^{(r)}) = \mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta|y_{aug})|y_{obs}, \theta^{(r)}],$$
$$\theta^{(r+1)} = \arg \max_{\theta} Q(\theta|\theta^{(r)})$$
- In the nested approach: Say  $y_{aug} = [y_{obs}, y_{mis1}, y_{mis2}]$ ,  $y_{obs} = \mathcal{M}_1(y_{aug1})$  and  $y_{aug1} = \mathcal{M}_2(y_{aug2})$ . Define  
$$Q_1(\theta|\theta_0) = \mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta|y_{aug1})|y_{obs}, \theta_0],$$
$$Q_2(\theta|\theta_0) = \mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta|y_{aug2})|y_{obs}, \theta_0] \text{ and}$$
$$Q_{21}(\theta|\theta_{01}, \theta_{02}) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta|y_{aug2})|y_{aug1}, \theta_{01}]|y_{obs}, \theta_{02}]$$
- $Q_{21}(\theta|\theta_0, \theta_0) = Q_2(\theta|\theta_0)$

## Nested EM algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{E} : Q_{21}(\theta | \theta^{(t+\frac{k-1}{K})}) &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\ell(\theta | \mathbf{y}_{aug2}) | \mathbf{y}_{aug1}, \theta^{(t+\frac{k-1}{K})}] | \mathbf{y}_{obs}, \theta^{(t)}] \\
 \text{M} : \theta^{(t+\frac{k}{K})} &= \arg \max_{\theta} Q_{21}(\theta | \theta^{(t+\frac{k-1}{K})})
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2}$$

In case of the SBL approach,  $\theta = \gamma$ .



# Advantages

- Reduced computational complexity
- Closed form expression in the M-step
- Faster convergence

# Convergence of the Nested EM approach

## Theorem

*Suppose  $\{\theta^{(t)}, t \geq 0\}$  is a sequence in the parameter space computed with the nested EM algorithm, then  $\ell(\theta^{(t+1)}) \geq \ell(\theta^{(t)})$  for each  $t \geq 0$ .*

**Proof:** Sufficient to show that  $Q_1(\theta^{(t+1)}|\theta^{(t)}) \geq Q_1(\theta^{(t)}|\theta^{(t)})$

## Critical points

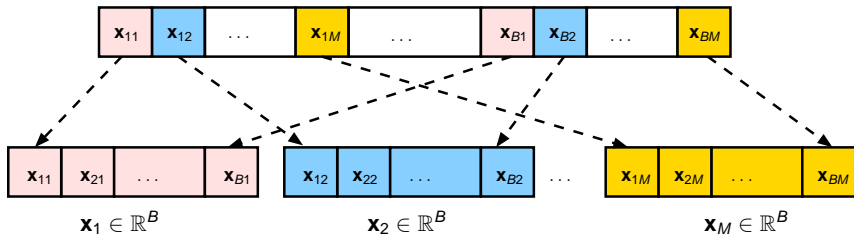
### Theorem

*Assuming that  $Q_{21}(\cdot)$  is continuous in its arguments, all limit points of the nested EM sequence  $\{\theta^{(t)}, t \geq 0\}$  are critical points of  $\ell(\theta|y_{obs})$ .*

## Rate of Convergence: $I_{out}$ Vs $I_{in}$

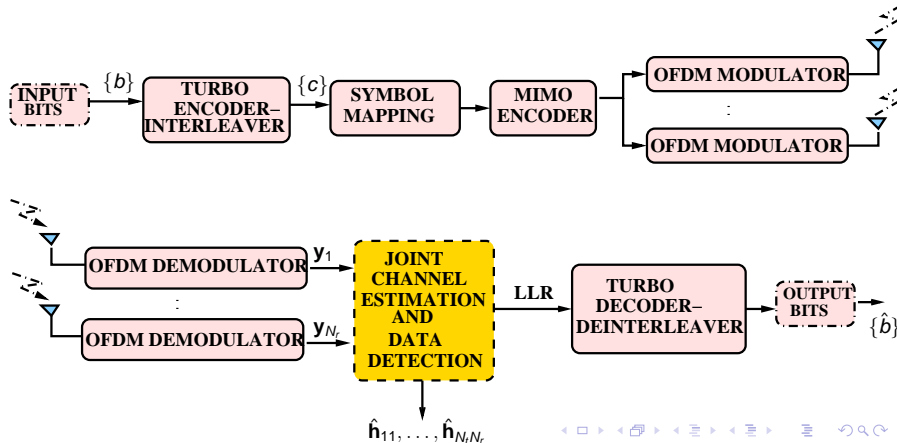
- Global rate of convergence of the nested EM approach improves with  $I_{in}$
- In choosing  $I_{in}$ , goal is not to reach convergence, but to make progress towards the local mode
- $I_{in}$  can vary between iterations
- If inner EM is slow to converge, large value of  $I_{in}$  is better

# Application 1: Block-sparse vector recovery



- $\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^M \mathbf{t}_m, \mathbf{t}_m = \Phi_m \mathbf{x}_m + \mathbf{n}_m$
- $y_{aug1} = (\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{y}), y_{aug2} = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{y})$

## Application 2: Joint MIMO-OFDM channel estimation and data detection





- MMV system model:

$$\underbrace{[\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{N_r}]}_{\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N_r}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{I}_{N_t} \otimes \mathbf{F})}_{\Phi \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times LN_t}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{h}_{11} & \dots & \mathbf{h}_{1N_r} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{h}_{N_t1} & \dots & \mathbf{h}_{N_tN_r} \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{C}^{LN_t \times N_r}} + \underbrace{[\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{N_r}]}_{\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N_r}}, \quad (3)$$

- $\mathbf{y}_{n_r} = \sum_{n_t=1}^{N_t} \mathbf{t}_{n_t n_r}, \mathbf{t}_{n_t n_r} = \mathbf{X}_{n_t} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{h}_{n_t n_r} + \mathbf{v}_{n_t}$
- $y_{aug1} = (\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{y}), y_{aug2} = (\mathbf{h}_{n_r}, \mathbf{t}_{n_r}, \mathbf{y})$